



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter: September 10th – 24th 2026

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 13th September - Harvest Festival led by Rev Anne Smith & the Mission Praise band

Sunday 20th September - A "Local Arrangement" led by Jess Knott & Ian Jones

Current/future worship plans also available here:
<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

Chris Tristram

It is with deep sadness we announce that Brenda's husband Chris passed away on Tuesday 8th September. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and her family.

Message from Ian and Gill

Ian & Gill would like people to join them on **Sat 12th Sept** at the coffee shop to celebrate 2 years since their Blessing Service (Sept 8th 2024). They will be providing cake! They also wanted to provide the flowers for Sunday 13th and as that is Harvest, they will pay for the flowers for the central altar display which Di will obtain and arrange for them.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next BaC-Up meeting will be 2.30 pm on **Tuesday 29th Sept**. Our subject for discussion will be "**What my Mother/Father told me!**" like "eating carrots will enable you to see in the dark!" All carers, present and past, and anyone bereaved at any time welcome.

Local Arrangement on September 20th

From 1st September until 4th October we enter into "creation tide" a season where Christians focused on creation & God, our creator. So Jess & Ian will be focusing on this following Harvest the previous week.

Church Council meeting

Our next Church Council meeting will be on **Monday Sept 14th** at 7.30 pm in the church.

Harvest Festival – service and preparation

Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday **September 13th**. On **Friday 11th September**, during coffee shop we are all encouraged to help decorate the church for the Festival.

Coffee Shop Events

Our next Coffee shop fundraisers will be the Macmillan Coffee Morning which will take place on **2nd & 3rd October**. As well as drinks and cakes we will have a bring and buy sale. Any donations of cakes will be very much appreciated. Other dates after that are...

Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day

Saturday 19th December: Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day.

Thanks to all from the coffee shop committee

Gifts at Harvest Festival

Gifts of tins or packets of food or toiletries may be brought to the Harvest Festival on September 13th and will be donated to the Catshill Baptist Church's Food Bank. Gifts of money (in an envelope or sealed packet please) may also be offered, which will be given to the Basement Project in Bromsgrove.

Rendezvous

The next meeting of Rendezvous is Sue Dipple talking about "The Women who put a Man on the Moon" on **Thursday September 24th**. All welcome at 10am for coffee.

Busy Bees

This is a fortnightly informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be 10.30-12 on **September 17th** in the porch.

Eco tip 🌱

Every plastic bottle you grab takes 450 years to break down. If we all swapped to reusable drinks bottles, just think how many bottles you could stop from going into landfill within a week, month or year?

Dates for 2026 coach trips (with prices)

12th September - Windsor £35

31st October - Bridgnorth and Ludlow £20

Event Dates for your diary

14th November – Quiz (with hot dog lunch)

12th December – Film afternoon after coffee shop. More details later.

Worship Dates for your diary

Sunday 27th September - Communion Service led by Rev Ruth Fry and the Mission Praise band

Sunday 4th October - Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

Sunday 4th October at 3 pm – Baptism of Milana Yvonne (Dave's great great niece!) – all welcome.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Peckwood Forest Space Activities

Would you like to join Jess for a wander in our woods? Jess leads the walking group at Peckwood Forest Space, B48 7QE on Thursday 24th September. Come for a wander in the woods followed by soup & wondering conversations. 11am - 1pm. Other September events can be found on the attached poster (*email copies only*). More at: <https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

People's Emergency Briefing film

An invitation for members of the churches within the Bromsgrove & Redditch Methodist Circuit to a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate is attached (*email copies only*).

OTHER NEWS

Village Scarecrow Festival

The village scarecrow festival is **Friday 11th - Sunday 13th September**. The theme this year is "National year of reading" our very own Martin Tingle gave in the suggestion to the village! Well done Martin. We can't wait to see everyone's scarecrow around the village.

A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR LIGHT THAT NEVER FAILS

Faithful God, thank you for the light that never fails even in seasons of darkness. You know all that we carry, especially the moments when hope feels thin, yet you continually meet us with gentleness and love. Where relationships are strained, bring healing. Where hearts are weary, breathe strength. Where joy has faded, spark it back to life. Help us notice the quiet gifts in each day – the people who stand with us, the love that shapes us, the grace that restores us. May gratitude rise within us, and may we journey forwards held by your enduring love. Amen.

Methodist Prayers for each day can be found at
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/prayer-for-the-day/>

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday September 24th 2026 please.

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<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/notices>